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In re the Application of:

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Title: EXTENDED MAXWELL  
PAIR GRADIENT COILS

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AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.111

Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed August 28, 2002, please amend the subject application as indicated below.

IN THE SPECIFICATION

Please replace the paragraph beginning on page 4, line 27 to page 5, line 2, with the following rewritten paragraph:

To improve the linearity of the gradient near the origin O, the first non-linear term is set equal to zero, or  $c_3=0$ . This leads to the following linearity-establishing condition:

$$\int_0^{k_{\max}} dk k^4 I_0^p(k) S_0(k) K_0'(ka) I_0(k\rho) = 0 \quad (3)$$

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cont* where  $\rho$  is the radial distance from the z-axis,  $K$  is the Bessel function of the second kind,  $k_{\max}$  is a suitable upper limit of the integration, and  $S_0(k)$  may be referred to as the shielding factor, given by

$$S_0(k) = 1 - K_1(kb) I_1(ka) / K_1(ka) I_1(kb). \quad (4)$$

The linearity-establishing condition (3) given above should ideally hold for all values of  $\rho$ . For

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